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LIST OF GESNERIADS - 1952

Other plants in the African Violet Family

CULTURE

In general, the culture of all gesneriads is similar. They prefer a loose sandy soil with plenty of half-rotted leafmold and fibrous peat with some fine charcoal added, and a small amount of dried sheep manure, sterile and free of nematodes. Put extra good drainage in the bottom of the pot. Some of them (Columneas and Trichosporums in particular) are epiphytic in habit and my best results have been obtained when I have grown them in shredded osmunda mixed with a smaller proportion of leafmold, but making sure the drainage is perfect. Also most gesneriads will develop water spots on the foliage from overhead watering when the temperature is high. The rules for fertilizing African Violets hold true for these other relatives - liquid fertilizer applied about every two weeks during growth is sufficient. The bulbous types, Gesneria, Isoloma, Kohleria, Gloxinia, Naegelia, Sinnningia, etc. take a rest after their blooming period is over and water should be applied only often enough to keep the bulbs from shrinking when they are dormant. A brighter light exposure than you have found best for flowering African Violets will be just about right for most other gesneriads.

**EPISCIA:** Very tender tropical plants, all of which have beautiful foliage and most have brilliant scarlet flowers.

Coccinea (fulgida) - brownish hairy leaves with silvery green veins	\$ .75
Cupreata - Hairy copper-colored leaves	.75
Cupreata var. Viridifolia - smooth nile green leaves, best bloomer	.75
Cupreata var. Silver Sheen - leaves bright silver with darker margin	1.00
Splendens - smooth light green and silver leaves	.75
Sp. #1 - smooth, silvery green leaves with brown margin, distinct	.75
Sp. #2 - soft, downy bronze leaves with broad iridescent lilac midrib.	

We erroneously called this E.lilacina last year .75

All above varieties have scarlet flowers.

Chontalensis - small dark green leaves, light blue fringed flowers	.75
Collection of above 8 varieties	5.00

New species this year:

* Tessellata (Centrosolenia bullata) - This is a distinct, upright growing, yellow-flowered Episcia with large glossy, bubbly leaves. A very unusual foliage plant.	2.00
* Lilacina - This species and the next have just been brought back from the jungles, and plants will be ready for sale in July.	
Medium bronzy leaves, large blue flowers (Note: Not same as Sp.#2)	2.50
* Sp. Nova (#3) - Very beautiful foliage, broad pattern of silvery-green	2.50

\*ALLOPLECTUS ambiguus - looks like a Columnea; new, has not bloomed yet .75

\*COLUMNEA banksii - trailing plant with small dark green glossy leaves red beneath; new, has not flowered yet 1.00

COLUMNEA gloria - trailing stems to five feet long; small hairy brownish leaves; large tubular scarlet flowers; very choice. 1.50



COLUMNEA schiediana - strong grower, 4" pointed lvs; fls. brick-red, spotted	1.00
* COLUMNEA tulae var. flava - trailing plant, soft green leaves, clear yellow tubular flowers	1.00
CORYTHOLOMA Douglasii var. Leopoldi - tuberous, long green leaves, reddish flowers in early winter	.75
GESNERIA lindeni - beautifully veined velvety leaves; fls. blue and white	.75
GESNERIA macrantha and G. umbellata (G. cardinalis) - these plants are so much alike that I am listing them together. Velvety, emerald green leaves, long cardinal-red tubular flowers	.75
* GLOXINIA - Pink slipper type - Strong seedlings ready June 1st	.75
* GLOXINIA sp. - This is believed to be a true Gloxinia species (not sinningia) Tall growing with large leaves and downy, light blue flowers like Canterbury Bells	1.25
* HYPOCYRTA nummularia - a small compact trailing plant with 1" roundish leaves; becomes dotted with flowers that look like red and yellow candy	.75
* ISOLOMA Ceciliae - very choice; compact habit, downy chocolate-colored leaves, flowers brilliant rose. Stock limited	2.50
ISOLOMA hirsuta - hanging basket plant with orange-scarlet flowers	.75
* KOHLERIA picta - plant trailing with age, interesting chocolate leaves, flowers bright red	.75
KOHLERIA seemanii - leaves light green overlaid with beautiful pattern of brown. Plant almost continuous bloomer when older with heavy sprays of pink flowers. Good basket plant	1.00
NAEGELIA - besides having a bright display of nodding bells in yellow, orange or red, these plants have some of the most beautiful leaves imaginable.	
NAEGELIA cinnebarina - leaves like red velvet, flowers red	1.50
NAEGELIA zebrina - leaves beautifully mottled, fls. orange, spotted with red	1.00
* NAEGELIA - yellow hybrids - mixed seedlings	1.50
* RECHSTEINERIA macrophylla - gloxinia-like grower, said to have many orange flowers	1.50
SINNINGIA speciosa (S. regina) - beautiful dark velvety leaves veined with white; dark purple slipper-type gloxinia flowers	1.50
SINNINGIA maximiliana - gloxinia-like plants with slipper-type white flowers, throat marked with purple or yellow	1.00
STREPTOCARPUS nobilis (S. gardeni) - strap-shaped leaves; light blue fls.	.75
TRICHOSPORUM (Aeschnanthus) lobbians - trailing plant, hard waxy green leaves, brilliant orange flowers on tips of branches	.75
TRICHOSPORUM pulchra - trailing plant, leaves very dark green; fls. scarlet growing out of dark purple cups on tips of branches	1.00
* TRICHOSPORUM marmorata - trailing plant with emerald green leaves mottled on top with dark green, underneath with maroon	1.00
* TYDEA hybrids - Upright plant with green leaves, flowers 1½" long, with brilliant maroon petals, pink tube; floriferous. Bulbs 25¢ ea., Plant	1.00

Plants marked \* are new this year



For a number of years Fantastic Gardens has been known for an extensive collection of rare and unusual tropical shade plants and we have had our hands full for several years taking care of the local demands. This list represents our second attempt to try to supply collectors throughout the country with some of the choice Gesneriads. Typical of our activities since the beginning, we are attempting to do almost more than our growing organization can attend to, but as there is nothing more pleasing to us than well satisfied customers, we are in hopes that whatever is shipped from here will be completely satisfactory.

We have had considerable experience in shipping plants and found that our careful method of packing has proven very satisfactory. We ship all plants out of pots and carefully wrapped. If your plants do not arrive in good condition, please let us know immediately and we will try to straighten out your difficulties and if we feel the fault is not with the carrier, we will replace the plants.

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